Storage facilities for Foodgrains

514. SHRl RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to siate:

(a) whether the storage facilities for foodgrains »re adequate in the country including Rajasthan;

(b) if not, the details of ihe step» taken by Food Corporation of India in this regard:

(c) the extent to which the damage has been caused to foodgrains in the countiy last year due to shortage of go.lowns in the country;

(d) whether Government have my pro posal to constmct acquire more godowns in Ihe country including Rajasthan; :md

(e) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) At macro level. the existing storage capacity is adequate to store the available stocks. However, in order to take eare of any deficiency at local levels, field officers of FCI have been delegated powers for hiring additional storage capacity from private par-fies as well as Government agencies like CWC/SWCs, State Governments, etc. Besides, various steps like expediting construction programme of godowns, enhancement of covered and plinth capacity of FCI. etc.. are being taken to provide additional storage capacity foi foodgrains. The total storage capacity availabe with FCI, including in Rajas than, for storing foodgrains as on 1-11-1994 was as under:—

	Total capacity in lakh tonnes	Stocks in lakh tonnes	Percentage utilisation
All India	267.06	216.01	81
Rajasthan	16.52	15.21	92

(c) There are no reports regardng loss/ damage caused to foodgrains in ihe country on account of indaquate storage capacity.

(d) and (e) Food Corporation of India proposes to construct an. adidtional storage capacity of 0.67 lakh tonnes during 1994 95 and 2.48 Iakh tonnes during 1995-96. As already mentioned above, Rajasthan already has 16.52 lakh tonnes capacity (covered 10.27 lakh tonnes and CAP 6.25 lakh tonnes a_s on 1-11-1994, There is no proposal under the conside ration of FCI to construct its own go-dowrni in Rajasthan during 1994-95 and 1995-96. FCI, however, proposes to aug ment its capacity under sover ar.d plinth (CAP).

Sugarcane prodution tn Mauuraslitr.i

515. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a-) the quantity of sugarcane produced in Maharashtra during the current year;

(b) whether the production is duction is in accordance with thetarget fixed if not, reasons therefor and the steps taken or proposed to be taken for bringing the production to the level of installed capacity; and

(c) the number of new sugar mills added to the State during this period indicating the additional quantity of sugar cane added?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): to) and ib) During the